lnc! tsion of representatives of SCs/STs und Minorities in Selection Board/Committees

1000. ivfAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether instruction of Government of India of August. 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SC/ST and Minonties in the Selection Committees/Boards have been implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details Of such bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government/Institutions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d) All attached and subordinate offices, Public Sector undertakings etc.. under th_e administrative control of the Ministry have been directed to include a representative of SCs/STs and Minorities on th_e Selection Committees and Boards, constituted for making recruitment. The matter is monitored from time to time.

Supply of cotton at controlled price to the Handloom weavers .

1001. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handloom sector which employs 15 lakh $worker_s$ is given only Rs. 35 crores by way of subsidy on raw cotton yarn compared to mills which are given Rs. 285, crores subsidy;

(b) if so,' the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures Government are taking to supply taw cotton yarn at controlled prices to 'Handloom weavers?

SHE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXiTLfaS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Government do not subsidise the prices of cotton yarn consumed either in the handloom sector or in the . mill socio..

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Central Government have arrange- . ments of standing nature to ensure the regular supply of hank yarn to the hand loom weavers at reasonable prices through-. various measures, such as (i) The Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme which requires every producer of yarn to pack at least . 50 per cent of the total yarn packed for civil consumption in hank form; (iil) Loan assistance through National Coopera tive Development Corporation (NCDC) for setting up of ne^, Weavers' Coopera- " tive Spinning mills and expanding the capacity of existing weavers' cooperative spinning miU_s in order to augment captive production for the handloom sector; (iii) Setting up of the National Handloom' Development Corporation (NHDC) with the primary objective of supplying bank yarn to weavers at reasonable prices; (iv) Constitution o f State; Level Yam Price Fixation Committees to regulate selling prices of hank yarn produced by cooperative and State sector mills for supplies to the handloom weavers; and (v) Complete exemption of excise duty on plain reeled hank yarn and levy Of $conceV^r$ sional rate of excise duty oh double cross" reel hank yarn in order to make available' : yarn to handloom weavers at reasonable' prices.

Production and export of cotton apd Textiles

1002. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHAND RAN;. Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Un starred-Question 273 given in the , Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 1991 anil state:

(aft ' whether India has reached 3elf. sufficiency in the production of cotton